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**MINNESOTA HOUSING OFFERS HELP FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED HOMEOWNERS**  
**Quick Start Program available despite absence of FEMA declaration for individual assistance**

(*Saint Paul, MN*) – Minnesota Housing is now offering financial assistance for homeowners in southern Minnesota areas affected by the recent flood who are not eligible for federal assistance or need additional assistance. Funding in the amount of \$4 million was secured for the Quick Start Disaster Recovery Program through the special legislative session on Monday.

“Our Quick Start Disaster Recovery Program is a valuable resource for Minnesotans affected by the recent flooding,” said Dan Bartholomay, Minnesota Housing Commissioner. “I want to make sure that people know that there is assistance available for homeowners despite the fact that no individual assistance declaration was made by FEMA.”

In order to qualify for the program, homeowners affected by the flood must first register with Small Business Administration (SBA) by calling 1-800-659-2955 or visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov). If SBA assistance is insufficient or unavailable, homeowners can then apply for a Quick Start loan. Quick Start helps homeowners who are unable to repair or rebuild their homes due to flood damage expenses that exceed private insurance and SBA assistance. The program provides no-interest loans of up to \$30,000 for home repair and is forgiven if the owner remains in the home for 10 years.

In addition to providing outreach in communities affected by the flood to create awareness about the availability of Quick Start funds, Minnesota Housing will also work directly with SBA to contact individual homeowners by mail that were declined by SBA, but may be eligible for Quick Start.

Minnesota Housing has contracted with local administrators to deliver the program and work with homeowners to complete Quick Start applications. Homeowners needing assistance should contact administrators directly in the following counties:

**Dodge County**

SEMCAC  
20 Veterans Memorial Hwy E  
Kasson, MN 55944  
507-634-4350

**Steele County**

SEMCAC  
545 Dunnell Drive  
Owatonna MN 55060  
507-451-7134

**Blue Earth and Waseca Counties:**

Minnesota Valley Action Council  
464 Raintree Road  
Mankato, MN 56065  
507-345-6822

**Mower County**

SEMCAC  
301 N. Main, Lower Level  
Austin, MN 55912  
507-433-5889

**Fillmore and Winona Counties:**

SEMCAC  
Main Office  
204 South Elm Street  
PO Box 549  
Rushford, MN 55971  
507-864 8207 or 507-864-8241

**Faribault, Jackson, Martin, and**

**Watsonwan Counties:**

Minnesota Valley Action Council  
100 State St. North  
Fairmont, MN 56031  
507-345-6822 or 507-238-1663 x 3

**Freeborn County**

SEMCAC  
2202 Stevens St.  
Albert Lea, MN 56007  
507-373-1329

**Goodhue, Rice and Wabasha**  
**Counties:**

Three Rivers Community Action  
1414 North Star Drive  
Zumbrota, MN 55992  
507-732-7391 or 1-800-277-8418

**Olmsted County:**

Olmsted County HRA  
2122 Campus Drive SE  
Suite 100  
Rochester, Minnesota 55904  
507-328-7154

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See the [Quick Start fact sheet](#) for more details.

It is important to note that Minnesota Housing is not a first responder and is only able to provide Quick Start assistance to homeowners who have already submitted SBA applications and have been declined or provided insufficient funding.

*Minnesota Housing finances and advances affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income Minnesotans to enhance quality of life and foster strong communities. Minnesota Housing invests more than \$1.4 billion in affordable housing each biennium. If it were ranked among metro commercial banks, it would be the sixth largest bank, with total Agency-wide assets of \$3.6 billion as of June 30, 2010. For more information, please visit [www.mnhousing.gov](http://www.mnhousing.gov).*

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